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Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action of 05/08/2006, with a shortened statutory period of response set to expire 08/08/2006, please amend the above identified application as set forth below.

Amendments to the Specifications begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 5 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 6 of this paper.

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